## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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- The Soviet military post at Murghab (N38-10, E73-56) has a strength of 500 troops. High officers wear red bands on their uniform collars, and lower officers wear blue bands. The caps of all officers are blue.
- Other Soviet military posts in the southern Tadzhik SSR are:

Khizil Ribat (N37-28, E74-45) - 132 men Takhtamysh (N37-50, E74-38) - 80 men Juntapa (not located) - unknown Bashgumbez (N37-28, E73-36) Yekendarel (not located) - 30 mem - unknown Khargush (N37-22, E73-09) - unknown

Most of the personal at these posts are non-Muslim Russian. At Takhtamysh there is a high-ranking officer who is a Kirgiz Muslim (Mahmood Yup), and at Bashgumbez there is another Kirgiz Muslim officer (Khari Yup).1

- There are no factories along the Tadzhik-Afghan border. Large amounts of military material, however, are stored at the above-named military posts. It is rumored that this material is ultimately destined for Chinese troops in Sinkiang.
- Propaganda activities are carried on among the local residents at Murghab and other military posts within the area. The inhabitants of the area are warned by Soviet officers to prepare for World War III in order to defeat America.
- 5. Muslims living within the area bordered by these military posts are not permitted to move from place to place without permits.

  most of the 25 young and middle-aged men have been "taken down the country" by the Soviets, for purmost of the 25X1 poses which are not known. Military personnel receive greater attention and better food and clothing rations than the civilian public.

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Comment. It is not clear whether Mahmood Yup and Khari Yup are the names of the officers or tribal or military designations.

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